

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 2, line 11 through page 4, line 12 with the following amended section:

-- It is an object of the present invention to provide an image communication apparatus which allows an operator to determine whether a signal format complying with the ITU-T Recommendation T. 33 is selected when a directly input subaddress signal, including the symbols # and ##, happens to coincide with a signal specified in the ITU-T Recommendation T. 33 in a facsimile transmission, and communicates in the way the operator intends.

One aspect of the ~~[[The]]~~ present invention is directed to an image communication apparatus which transmits a subaddress signal. This apparatus includes an extension number input ~~block~~ means for inputting a plurality of extension numbers as information of the subaddress signal, a secondary telephone number input ~~block~~ means for inputting a plurality of secondary telephone numbers, a direct input ~~block~~ means for directly inputting particular information, and ~~[[a]]~~ display ~~unit~~ means for displaying an acknowledge message which is to confirm whether to send the particular information as information in accordance with ITU-T Recommendation T-33 when the particular information is input from the direct input ~~block~~ means, wherein the subaddress signal, with the plurality of the extension numbers designated by the extension number input means for inputting the plurality of the extension numbers, or the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers designated by the secondary telephone number input means for inputting the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers, or both the extension number and the secondary telephone number designated by the

direct input means for directly inputting the particular information, is transmitted, and a message is displayed if a communication error occurs after the transmission of a SUB/DCS signal.

Preferably, the particular information input by the direct input **block means** is one of the symbols # and ##, and when the input of a plurality of pieces of numerical information delimited by one of the symbols # and ## is selected, a message is displayed to prompt a user to acknowledge the designation of a plurality of extension numbers, the designation of a plurality of secondary telephone numbers, or the designation of an extension number and a secondary telephone number.

The displayed message is preferably changed in response to the information of the directly input subaddress.

The subaddress signal, with the plurality of the extension numbers designated by the extension number input **block means** for inputting the plurality of the extension numbers, or the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers designated by the secondary telephone number input **block means** for inputting the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers, or both the extension number and the secondary telephone number designated by the direct input **block means** for directly inputting the particular information, is transmitted, and a message is preferably displayed if a communication error occurs after the transmission of a SUB/DCS signal.

Preferably, the displayed message prompts a user to check to see whether the partner apparatus has one of the function of receiving the plurality of the extension numbers, the function of receiving the plurality of the secondary telephone numbers, and the function of receiving both the extension number and the secondary telephone number.

Preferably, the image communication apparatus is a facsimile apparatus.

Another aspect of the present invention is an image communication apparatus transmitting a subaddress signal. The apparatus includes: (1) extension number input means for inputting a plurality of extension numbers as information of the subaddress signal; (2) secondary telephone number input means for inputting a plurality of secondary telephone numbers; (3) direct input means for directly inputting particular information; (4) determination means for determining whether or not the particular information, which is a plurality of extension numbers as information of subaddress signal or a plurality of secondary telephone numbers, is inputted in accordance with ITU-T Recommendation T. 33 by the direct input means; and (5) display means for displaying an acknowledge message when the particular information is inputted from the direct input means and when the plurality of extension numbers as information of the subaddress signal or a plurality of secondary telephone numbers are determined to be inputted in accordance with ITU-T Recommendation T. 33 by the determination means.

Further objects, features, and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments with reference to the attached drawings.--